

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

MONUMENTAL NEWS:



The memorial is being constructed off Stockwell Dr. leading up to the main hospital building.

Construction on the historical monument created from the limestone and pillars of the old Continuing Treatment Building began in June. The memorial is adjacent the main entrance to the hospital. Countless patients and their family members have benefited from the dedication of employees and volunteers providing mental health care since 1890.

MEMORIAL PROJECT BREAKS GROUND

The project plan was supported by former Superintendent Robert Spear and Fiscal Management Director Jan Kelsey who have passed on before completion. "We were able to salvage both the old 'Evansville State Hospital' limestone as well as much of the limestone pillars that supported it," according to Bill Clark, Physical Plant Supervisor, who is coordinating the project. The limestone pillars are being cut into capstones, masonry coins, and face-block to be used in the construction of the monument which is dedicated to three significant dates that will appear on the front—1890, 1943, and 2003. These three dates denote the transition over the years with the original opening, the reconstructed hospital after the 1943 fire, and the move to our current facility. The monument's face stone will represent the pillars of the main building of the old hospital.



A time capsule was found embedded in this 1943 stone.

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1943 Memorabilia Recovered From Limestone

During the cutting of the limestone in preparation for constructing the memorial, a time capsule embedded by mortar in the stone was miraculously retrieved. The metal box contained hospital memorabilia including a 1940 handbook of Indiana State Institutions, a 1943 Indiana Year Book, a section of the February 10, 1943 Evansville Courier reporting on the hospital fire, a union card from July-Sept 1944, and a typed document from the desk of Dr. John H. Hare, Superintendent (1933-52) on November 5, 1944 preserved in a glass jar. The document outlined the \$2,500,000 new building program listing board of trustees and contractors for the project which was expected to be completed by January 1, 1945.

The existing time capsule, buried during our "Century of Caring" celebration in 1990, will be retrieved and re-buried with this historical monument before the dedication of the limestone monument under construction.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER By Cathe Fulcher

Community Connection is now specific to keeping our friends in the community connected to hospital news and needs. The newsletter will be distributed every other month.

I want to thank all of our volunteers, donors, and community sponsors for their efforts in supporting us as we continuously strive to meet our mission of Hope & Recovery. Your contributions are truly appreciated.

RECENT EVENTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S BALL

Do you remember your high school prom? You probably planned for weeks preparing for the big evening by shopping for a gown or tux, making reservations at a nice steak house, and purchasing a boutonnière or bouquet for that someone special. Well, the same anticipations come each year with the *Superintendent's Ball* which is now in its 6th year and was held on May 9th in the hospital's gymnasium. Dietary served a special chicken pesto dish and chocolate chip cheesecake. Entertainment was provided by the *Temple Aires* and dancing was enjoyed by all. Over 120 residents and staff attended this year's event. It was a great success due to everyone's help with hair and nails, and getting clients dressed with formal attire donated by *Newburgh United Methodist Church and the Christian Life Center*.

SENIOR GAMES



On Wednesday, June 18, seven patients from Geriatric Services participated in the annual *River City Senior Games* at SWIRCA. Four individuals received medals for mastering the Olympic events of Ring Toss, Bag Toss, and Washers. All received participation ribbons.

PATIENT HIGHLIGHTS

LUAU VACATION—A DREAM COME TRUE!



When the weather starts to turn warm, many tend to dream of a tropical vacation yearning for the bright sun, sandy beaches, and exotic foods of the Caribbean or Hawaii.

On Friday, June 27, hospital staff under the leadership of Rehabilitation Therapy all pitched in to turn the Activity Therapy Courtyard into a tropical isle where a luau took place complete with homemade palm trees, beach balls, and hula dancers. Everyone came out for the festivities and participated in the limbo dance, water balloon toss, and hula hoop demonstrations. Participants received tattoos and had their pictures taken. Units competed in a messy relay that had participants digging for gold coins in a sand box. A surf board art design contest was also held with E unit patients winning an ice cream treat for their palm tree flowered surf board. Special thanks to Dietary for the wonderful fresh fruit for breakfast and barbecued rib lunch served in the courtyard.

Active treatment prior to the luau had patients making musical rain sticks and colorful paper lanterns, tropical fish, flowers, and flamingos. Several patients enjoyed the popular movie 'Blue Hawaii' starring Elvis Presley. Unit window displays were creative with scenes of buried treasure, sand castles, and tiki statues.



This tropical scene was painted on the windows of the dining room on Geriatric Services.

HELPING HANDS



Pictured is one of six quilts donated by the Raintree Quilters Guild and used for the June drawing.

Hospital/Program Needs:

- New greeting cards/stationery
- Art supplies (colored pencils/markers)
- Educational workbooks (all grade levels)
- Dictionaries/thesauri
- Composition books (bound-no spiral wiring)
- Rulers/Calculators
- Pre-paid phone cards
- \$5.00 gift cards (Restaurants, Craft Stores, local retailers)
- Inexpensive watches

Volunteer Needs:

- Friend to Friend Sponsors
- Organist -Sunday mornings
- Help w/bulk mailings
- Civic groups to provide fellowship and host social activities

Thanks to the generosity of the *Raintree Quilters Guild*, a chance at a homemade quilt helped motivate 69 individuals to stay on track with their programming goals in June. Individuals received one chance for each week that they attended all of their scheduled programs. A random drawing of the 195 entries was held on Tuesday, July 1st with one lucky lady walking away with the beautiful hand-stitched quilt donated by the guild. "I can't believe it!" she said after commenting that she has never won anything. She plans to display the quilt in her room on a quilt rack.

Donations of Otters baseball game tickets have allowed for a group of 13 to attend a June game where the Otters played the Florence Freedom team. Even though the Otters lost, it was an enjoyable evening for all. A group of 20 are planning to attend a July 3rd game complete with fireworks! Hats off to **Kenny Kent & Patty Hammers** for their thoughtfulness!

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS:

Emil Altmeyer
Christian Borowieki
Kathy Corressell
Shelly Glover
Angela Goedde
Sandra Parker
Patricia Richardson
Anthony Schapker
Joe Stofleth

Crossroads Christian Church



UPCOMING EVENTS

'REFLECTIVE LISTENING'
Volunteer Training Program
Presented by
Diane Arneson, NAMI Evansville
Thursday, August 14
12:30-1:30 PM
Oak Conference Room

July/August—

American Legion Aux 7/8 & 8/12
Friend to Friend 7/10 & 8/14
Oak Hill Baptist Church 7/12 & 8/9
Vigo County MHA 7/22 & 8/26
North Woods Church 7/20 & 8/17

September—

Golf Tournament 9/19

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Did You Know?

EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL is one of six hospitals operated by Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health and Addiction. The hospital's mission, *Hope and Recovery*, is committed to providing quality services with the ultimate goal of placing individuals back in the community. ESH represents a public psychiatry service for adult individuals with serious mental illnesses, mental retardation, and/or developmental disabilities who require intermediate (up to 90 days) and long-term inpatient treatment. Most individuals served by ESH are from nineteen counties in the southwestern portion of the state and are referred by the state's community mental health centers and/or the Bureau for Developmental Disability Services. Our hospital works closely with the patient's designated, mental health gatekeeper to ensure continuity of care. The hospital is accredited by Joint Commission, and is Medicare and Medicaid certified specific to patients 65 years of age or older and patients with developmental disabilities.



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

Linda Beane, Fiscal Management
Sheila Cochren, Nursing Service
Cindy Eads, Secretary
Sarah McCarty, Nursing Service
Kristen Mullen, Nursing Service
Leanne Philpot, Nursing Service

GOODBYE

Inna Estep
Suzanne Jamison
Bill Knott
Mitzie Weiss



COMMUNITY AWARENESS

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

SATURDAY, SEPT 27
 1:00 PM ESH CAMPUS
 BENEFITS
 EVANSVILLE COUNCIL OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org
 Contact Bill Hussman 812-434-6430

SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK

SATURDAY, SEPT 27
 ESH CAMPUS
 9:15 AM WALK
 REGISTRATION 8-9:00 AM
 BENEFITS
 SOUTHWESTERN IN SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION
 Contact Janie Chappell 812-471-4521

